(c) whether it is a fact that excluded drugs have much wider usage, as compared to the included drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that Hydrocortisone have been excluded;

(e) whether this have beeen done to help the multinationals; and

(f) if so, what steps are being contemplated to fix the responsibility and punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No drugs are purchased under National Programme for Control of Blindness by the Government of India.

(c) Use of the drugs depends upon the disease, its stage and severity and the judgement of treating physician.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

[illegible] in categorisotion of drugs

[illegible] HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1960 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made to the Department of Chemicals by the Director General of Health Services in June, 1988 alongwith the names of drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received representations from consumers' associations and Members of Parliament in respect of anomalies in categorisation of category I drugs, as well as non-inclusion of certain diseases;

(c) whether these representations were considered by DGHS before sending the additional recommendations;

(d) if so, what are tne details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that due, to incomplete list of categorisation of drugs, the prices of all excluded medicines have gone up; and

(f) if so, what measures Govt. propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Recommendations were made to Department of Chemicals in June, 1988 for exclusion of Paracetamol from Cat. I and for exclusion of Diazepam and other transquillizers from Cat. II of the DPCO, 1987. Representations received in this regard were examined by the Director General of Health Services before the recommendations were made.

(e) and (f) Any undue rise in price is monitored by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Inclusion of drugs under category I

4217. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1059 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent the supplementary list of drugs needed for diseases under National Health Programme;

(b) if so, when and what are the names of drugs recommended for inclusion under Category-I;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is purchasing Iron Tablets, Folic Acid Tablets, Vitamin A Solution Triple antigen for control of diseases under Nation Health Programme;

(d) whether use in National Health Programmes is one of the criteria for identification for inlusion in the Category-I; if so, whether his Ministry has recommended these drugs for inclusion;

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the names of other drugs being purchased and used for National Health Programme which have not been recommended for price control under Category-I, alongwith reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Health & F.W. is engaged in making supplementary list of drugs needed for certain diseases under National Health Programmes. This list, however, is not yet finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Drugs required for MCH programme being evaluated for price control recommendations.

(f) For the purpose of inclusion under Category I, eleven health programmes have been identified. The supplementary list is under prepartion.

Exclusion of drugs required for STD programme

4218. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria have been followed for drawing up a list of drugs required for National Health Programme;

(b) what were the reasons for excluding drugs for STD programme and National Family Welfare Programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the purchases of these medicines for the National Health Programmes have been the highest;

(d) whether it is also a fact while drawing up the list, least used drugs have been included and most popular drugs have been excluded; and

(e) what are the purchases of various drugs for control of blindness and Trachoma during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The drugs procured for certain Health Programmes or financed by the Centre for procurement by the States are those which are required for the treatment of diseases affecting the weaker section of the community most.

Drugs for STD are being evaluated for price control recommendations.

(c) All these drugs for the various programmes are not directly purchased. Hence comparison of "highest purchase" cannot be made.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no direct purchase of drugs for control of blindness and Trachoma by the Central Government.

Use of Paracetamol

4219. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high temperature is associated with Viral fever, Typhoid and other fevers, not connected with Malaria;

(b) whether Asprin, Analgin and other antipyretics are not used for bringing down the temperature;

(c) what are the reasons that Paracetamol has been singled out for inclusion under the anti-malarials head;

(d) whether Paracetamol is an antimalarial or a general antipyretic drug; and

(e) whether his Ministry is purchasing and distributing Paracetamol preparations under National Health Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) The drugs mentioned are generally used to bring down the temperature if it is high.

(c) Paracetamol is given in preference to other Salicylates as the drug is much more effective and has less side effects compared to other drugs.

(d) Paracetamol is not antimalarial but a general antipyretic.

(e) Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme, Paracetamol is being procured by Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals